

The [Kentucky Youth and Children's listserv](#) covers youth services news, programming, and continuing education. To join, email krista.king-oaks@ky.gov and ask to be added.

Special Announcement: KPLA Youth Services Pre Conference on Diversity

The Space Beyond the Comfort Zone: Courageous Conversations About Inclusion in KY Libraries

Register: <http://www.kpla.org/>

Your next favorite book could be a diverse read. The most meaningful program you've ever hosted could be one designed to authentically engage a diverse audience. However, if we as professionals aren't intentionally challenging ourselves to broaden our lenses, we--as well as the communities we are here to serve--may miss out on these experiences.

In this preconference, we will rise to this challenge in order to make space in our buildings and on our bookshelves for a more equitable representation of all children and families. Participants brave enough to acknowledge their own comfort zones and move beyond them will come away from the experience with an enriched understanding of why intentional inclusion is critical to the work of librarianship, empowered to embed inclusion in all aspects of their work, and excited to share what they discover with all members of their communities.

Morning Panel: Exemplary Outreach to Diverse Communities in KY Libraries

- Veronica Rainwater, Youth Services Manager, Warren County Public Library Topics: Overcoming cultural/linguistic barriers with movement programs; Girls of STEEL; Making general programs more inclusive
- Lindsay Mattingly, Multicultural Liaison, Lexington Public Library Topics: Rainbow storytime and outreach to LGBTQ communities; Outreach to immigrant and refugee communities
- Adriana Silva, Youth Services Associate, Boone County Public Library Topic: Outreach to Latinx and Spanish-speaking community

Afternoon Panel: Your Next Favorite Book! A Booktalking Bonanza of Diverse Reads

- Samya Monem, Children's Librarian, Lexington Public Library – PICTURE BOOKS
- Damara Blincoe, Branch Manager, Louisville Free Public Library – MIDDLE GRADE
- Pamela Jayne, Teen Librarian, Boone County Public Library – TEEN

Facilitator: Katie Scherrer

Katie Scherrer is a consultant, writer, early childhood education trainer, librarian, yoga teacher, and the founder of Stories, Songs, and Stretches!®, a yoga-inspired and science-informed school readiness startup. Katie began working in public libraries in 2005 and quickly discovered that her Spanish-language skills were in great demand. Completely unexpectedly, librarianship became her career and working with Latinx immigrant communities became her passion. At the same time, she discovered the practices of yoga and mindfulness, which slowly transformed her life into one of greater empowerment and less reactivity. Katie has been working as a consultant since 2012, helping libraries and educational organizations increase their inclusion of Latinx communities. She now travels across the country, sharing workshops on mindfulness, inclusion, yoga, and other related topics with librarians, educators, social

*workers, yoga teachers, and others who serve children and families. Her teaching style is encouraging and warm, while grounded in research and current best practices. Katie is an active member of ALSC (Association for Library Service to Children) and a lifetime member of REFORMA (The National Organization to Promote Library and Information Sciences to Latinos and the Spanish-Speaking). She was a member of the 2013 Pura Belpré book award committee, and has published two books with the American Library Association, *Once Upon a Cuento: Bilingual Storytimes in English and Spanish* (coauthored with Jamie Campbell Naidoo) and *Stories, Songs, and Stretches! Creating Playful Storytimes with Yoga and Movement*. Find more [at www.connectedcommunitiesconsulting.com](http://www.connectedcommunitiesconsulting.com) and www.storiessongsandstretches.com.*

KDLA Recorded Webinars now available

February Teen Services Recordings Available

Three new recordings on teen services is now available on [KDLA's Archived Webinars](#) page:

- *CASEL in the SAND(box): Using Social and Emotional Learning to Begin, Enhance, or Defend your Teen Services Program*
- *35 Arts Programs in 60 Minutes*
- *Reading BeTWEEN the Lines: How to Reach and Serve the Tweens in Your Library*

Call for presenters: May Library Link Up – Family Programs

Presenters prepare 10-15 minutes of content on successful models of family literacy and multigenerational programming. Webinar is scheduled for Thursday, May 2nd. To participate, email: krista.king-oaks@ky.gov

Summer Reading Updates

Libraries Welcome all Families: Collaborating on Inclusive Summer Initiatives via [ALSC Blog](#)

Women's History: A Universe of Stories via [ALSC Blog](#)

February Collaborative Summer Library Program newsletter

This month's features include a multilingual Women's History Month storytime, summer lunch at a tenacious small rural library, and a call for nominations for the CSLP Board (a great national leadership opportunity open to you!). Read on: us13.campaign-archive.com/?e=&u=043a7515ceb3ad45bdd2dd405&id=0e46f1d042

2019 CSLP Teen Video Challenge

The annual CSLP Teen Video Challenge has morphed to a summer program! Submissions are easier to submit and teen librarians will have access to materials to support the program; prizes will still be awarded. Runs June 1-August 2nd. Check it out: <https://www.csllpreads.org/programs/teen-program/2019-teen-video-challenge/>

PSAs for Summer Reading now available via CSLP: <https://www.csllpreads.org/2019-psas/>

"A Universe of Stories" manuals are available with a code online, once you login on the top right corner.

Night Sky Network Handouts: https://nightsky.jpl.nasa.gov/news-display.cfm?News_ID=822

Includes sky maps & other downloadable flyers for your library.

Summer of Space: Register your space science programs with StarNet at

Grants & Scholarships

Ezra Jack Keats Foundation mini-grants: Deadline March 31

The EJK mini-grant offers funding of up to \$500 and the opportunity to design and implement a creative program for your library. Up to 70 grants of up to \$500 each will be awarded to qualifying teachers and librarians at public schools and libraries in the US. Learn more and apply: ezra-jack-keats.org/section/ezra-jack-keats-mini-grant-program-for-public-libraries-public-schools

Kentucky News

- **Kentucky Science Pathways** offers summer research internship at UK via [Kentucky Teacher/KDE](#)
- **Beth Dunston, Paris-Bourbon County**, awarded YALSA Summer Learning Grant via [ALA News](#)
- **McCracken County Story Time: Improving childhood literacy is more than just entertainment** via [WPSD Local 6 News](#)

ALA News

ALSC Names Notable Book List via [ALA News](#)

PLA now accepting proposals for 2020 Conference via [ALA News](#)

Día mini grants of \$300 from REFORMA

Already planning and budgeting your 2019 Día program? Consider applying for a REFORMA mini-grant! This year, REFORMA will award 5 mini-grants of \$300 to support a new or existing Día program that celebrates Latino culture. To apply complete the form at <https://www.reforma.org/dia-grants>

YALSA Spring E-Course: ConnectedLib: Creating Learning Connections for Youth

March 17 - April 20; \$100

In this five-week [e-course](#), participants will learn how to create engaging teen programs and services using the Connected Learning framework developed by the Connected Learning Alliance. Connected learning connects teens' personal interests, their relationships with peers and mentors, and real-life opportunities to help prepare youth for life after high school with 21st century skills and new literacies, creating highly motivating learning experiences for teens. [Learn](#) more and [register](#).

Library Tools & Trends

- **A Day in the Life of a Children's Librarian** via [ALSC Blog](#)
- **2019 State of the Babies** via [Zero to Three](#)
- **Big Play = Big Fun: Library Playdates** via [ALSC Blog](#) (a follow up on the blog, [Play Areas in Libraries](#))
- **Program Model: Counting Down to Kindergarten** via [Programming Librarian](#)
- **Storytime Copyright Q&A** via [Ohio Net](#)
- **Repetition in Storytime** via [Jbrary](#)
- **Books on Film: Angie Thomas on The Daily Show with Trevor Noah** via [100 Scope Notes](#)
- **Dr. Seuss and the Question of Problematic Classic Books** via [NPR Code Switch](#)
- **A Very Hungry Caterpillar turns 50!** via <https://www.vhc50.com>

- **How DC Public Plans to Increase Participation for Children with Disabilities** via [ALSC Blogs](#)
- **Library Hacks: Book Bargains** via [School Library Journal](#)
- **Cleveland Public Library going fine-free after 150 years** via [Crain's Cleveland Business News](#)

Training Spotlight

School Library Journal announces the inaugural **Middle Grade Magic Virtual Summit**, Wednesday, March 27, 10:00 am – 4:00 pm. This is a FREE online live event for librarians and educators who support middle grade students. The event features an array of breakout programs, and keynote addresses by Lynda Mullaly Hunt, Kekla Magoon, and Ali Benjamin. Learn more and register: vshow.on24.com/vshow/MiddleGradeMagic/registration.

Important Dates/State & National Conferences

- [Kentucky Public Library Association Spring Conference](#): March 27-29, Lexington
- [Money Smart Week](#): March 30 – April 6
- [NASA Workshop](#): April 8-9, Kenton County Public Library, Erlanger
- [NAEYC Week of the Young Child](#), April 8-12
- [American Library Association Annual Conference](#): June 20-25, Washington D.C.
- [National Summer Learning Week](#): July 8-13
- [Kentucky Association of School Librarians Summer Refresher](#): July 15 & 16, Eminence
- Collaborative Summer Library Program Conference: September 16-20, Indianapolis
- Kentucky Library Association Fall Conference: October 15 & 16, Bowling Green
- [YALSA Symposium](#): November 1-3, Memphis

Just for Fun

Creative child drew a 'Star Wars' comic starring narwhals and Mark Hamill approved via [Mashable](#)